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**Technology Center 2100**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/912,401; Filed: July 26, 2001  
For: **System, Method and Computer Program Product to Maximize Server  
Throughput While Avoiding Server Overload by Controlling the Rate  
of Establishing Server-Side Network Connections**

Inventors: Raphael *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1763.0140000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 with five (5) accompanying documents; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

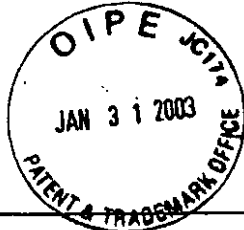
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	AA1	6,055,564	04/2000	Phaal			
	AB1	6,189,033 B1	02/2001	Jin et al.			
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	AP1						Yes No

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	AR	1	Copy of International Search Report issued December 30, 2002 for Appln. No. PCT/US02/23100, 5 pages.
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